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quickly as they would like but people are pretty patient and they understand."

His willingness to help out whenever he can has not gone unnoticed by the community. This month, after being told he was going to be covering a meeting of the Huntington Rotary Club which was giving away several Marshall items, he dutifully showed up ready for work only to be surprised when the Rotary Club, in conjunction with the Huntington Sports Committee, awarded him a plaque of appreciation commemorating the work he has done for athletics over the years.

"I thought I was going to be shooting their giving away the Marshall stuff so I was really surprised and appreciative of the award," he says modestly.

His career started back in high school in Proctorville, Ohio, when he worked on the yearbook at Fairland High School and a friend who was doing darkroom work persuaded him to help out. After enrolling at Marshall, he honed his skills even more when as a work-study student he was assigned to a journalism faculty member. After his graduation in 1976, he worked briefly for the Coal Valley News in Boone County.

"At a small newspaper like that you do a little bit of everything. I not only did the photography, I did reporting, writing, editing, and on Mondays I emptied the trash," he says, laughing.

"Most people, when you explain that you need to take photos, they're pretty receptive. I've only had a few times when someone has said 'no' when I've asked to take a photo and then I just move on to other things."

Marshall and photography are definitely intertwined in the Haye family. He met his wife Marilyn, when they were both MU students and she was a photography student who took a class in which he was the student assistant. An excellent photographer herself, she's on the sidelines with him regularly, pitching in to help him cover football games, something she really enjoys, he says. In fact, when he was unable to attend the MU-Kent State game, she took over the photo chores, covering it expertly on her own.

Photographing football games is far from being a hardship though, Haye says. Avid fans all, Marilyn Haye and their 16-year-old daughter, Mallory, along with Marilyn's mother, Betty, haven't missed a single game all year, either at home or away. Mallory usually brings five or six prominent signs to each game, her father says, and they can vary, everything from keeping stats on Chad Pennington's career number of touch-down passes by using quick changing velcro numbers, to maybe a slogan about the opposing team. In fact, her signs were so eye-catching, WSAZ-TV recently did a feature segment on her in a pre-game show.

Haye can sum up his feelings about his job succinctly.

"In my job you just never know what you're going to be doing from one day to the next," he says. "I may go walk across some rooftops shooting pictures and then be at a dinner at the president's home or at a hotel that night. You don't get bored, that's for sure!"

Faculty and Staff Achievements

Dr. Howard R.D. Gordon, professor in the Department of Adult and Technical Education, had an article entitled "Relationship Between Personality Characteristics and Observable Teaching Effectiveness of Selected Beginning Career and Technical Education Teachers" published in the *Journal of Vocational and Technical Education* (Fall 1999, Vol. 16, No. 1). Richard J. Yocke, Regional Teacher Educator of West Virginia University Institute of Technology, served as co-author. The journal can be obtained in both paper and electronic form. The electronic journal can be accessed at <http://scholars.lib.vt.edu/ejournals/JVTE/>. The current editor is Dr. Betty Heath-Camp of Virginia Tech.

Dr. Steve Shuklian, Associate Professor of Economics, has had an article, "Economic Development and the Myth of Laissez Faire: Germany and France in the Nineteenth Century" published in the *Scandinavian Journal of Development Alternatives*, which is published in Stockholm, Sweden. The article appears in the June and September 1999 issue of the Journal, pages 167-176.

Ms. Stephanie Smith, a purchasing agent for Marshall University, is the 1999 Procurement Officer of the Year, an annual award given by the State College and University Systems of West Virginia, according to William J. Shondel, director of Purchasing and Materials Management at MU.

Ms. Smith has worked at Marshall for 11 years. Her first position in the purchasing department was Clerk II, and from there she became a Purchasing Assistant I, then II, and finally a Purchasing Agent, one of only four at Marshall.

Shondel, who nominated her, said she is active in the national Association of Education Buyers which allows her to keep on the cutting edge of purchasing trends.

Ms. Smith has been a part of many contracts for Marshall, including a new housing complex, a new daycare center, the new Medical Center for the School of Medicine, the new jazz center, and the Student Center renovations and bookstore addition.

Dr. Allan Stern, Safety Technology Program Coordinator, attended the National Safety Council's annual Safety Congress held in New Orleans October 18-20. Dr. Stern made a presentation entitled "Preparation and Expectations of New OSHE Professionals," for the Educational Resource Division. He also represented the safety program at a recognition luncheon where Jerry Scannel, the NSC President, congratulated Chad Baisden, a MU Safety student, for winning the United Parcel Service's \$12,500 annual scholarship.

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Rockefeller, NSF Director Visit Campus



Sen. Jay Rockefeller (right), along with academic leaders from West Virginia, was on the Huntington campus recently to discuss technology and methods of helping the state's teachers get ready for the students of tomorrow. The senator, along with Rita R. Colwell (left), director of the National Science Foundation, led a discussion attended by about 40 people who gathered in the Drinko Library to discuss the technological challenges to teacher training and education in the future.

Nominations Sought For Honorary Degrees

The University Functions Committee is asking faculty, staff, students and the general public for nominations of individuals to receive an honorary degree at commencement ceremonies in May 2000, according to Susan Jackson, art department, chair of the UFC committee. The committee is also soliciting suggestions for the commencement speaker.

The deadline for nominations for both is Monday, January 10. They should be sent to Jackson who can be reached by email at jacksons@Marshall.edu.

Nominations should include the name of the individual,

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Center Works Toward Prevention in West Virginia

In sports parlance, the personnel of the West Virginia Prevention Resource Center (WVPRC) may agree with the old adage that the best defense is a good offense.

Dr. Wayne Coombs, Director of the WVPRC, and Assistant Professor of Counseling at Marshall University Graduate College, is pleased with the rapid progress the year-and-a-half old center, whose mission is to build a prevention system in the state, has made. Chartered in March, 1998, by the Governor's Cabinet for Children and Families and currently housed on the MUGC campus in South Charleston, the center is utilizing a combination of full-time employees and graduate students to provide technical assistance and support to agencies and individuals who provide direct services to the public.

From its modest beginning with one part-time graduate assistant and a grant for \$35,000, the center now boasts nine full-time employees and 13 graduate assistants, who are handling the 10 contracts totaling more than a million dollars that have flowed into the center since its inception. In fact, the growth has been so dramatic it has necessitated a move in the near future to larger quarters in a nearby elementary school which was closed last year by the Kanawha County Board of Education.

The center and the agencies it works with are trying to reverse the old adage of "Crisis first, then action."

"A lot of times when problems happen, the way the we deal with them is after the fact," Coombs said. "The whole concept of prevention is to be able to start trying to identify risk situations and factors that lead to problems and to deal with them early on before they become so difficult, so expensive, and so emotionally and physically draining."

He cites the incidences of disconnections between parents and kids which can lead to drug use, teen pregnancy, school drop-outs, family crisis, behavioral problems and increasing the financial burden to the state.

"We need to start trying to do more to help families in trouble and giving them the opportunity to help themselves. There are a lot of good people doing this kind of work in West Virginia but it needs to be coordinated. Infrastructure needs to be built to support those people who do this kind of program work. That's what the Prevention Resource Center attempts to do. We work to build the whole system up to handle the training pro-

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grams, information sharing, evaluations, grant writing, all kinds of things you would be doing to help folks help themselves," Coombs says.

The center's definition of prevention is broad based in the sense that it is intended to alleviate a wide range of behaviors and conditions, including but not limited to, "alcohol, tobacco, and other drug abuse, crime and delinquency, violence, vandalism, mental health problems, family conflict, parenting problems, stress and burnout, child abuse, learning problems, school failure, school dropouts, teenage pregnancy, depression, and suicide."

He emphasizes that the center does not provide direct services to the public but rather provides resources, technical assistance, and support to the individuals, agencies and organizations that do. They might, for instance, do evaluations of quarterly reports for one agency and do surveying for another. They became involved last summer with the West Virginia Teen Institute, a teen leadership program that incorporated prevention related activities. After attending a summer camp, center grad assistants are following up with a study of the teens.

The WVPRC was established as a partnership involving several public agencies as well as private ones. State groups under the public umbrella include the Department of Health and Human Resources, Department of Military Affairs and Public Safety, Department of Education, the



Dr. Wayne Coombs (left) and the staff of the West Virginia Prevention Resource Center are currently based in the administration building on the South Charleston campus, but expect to move to larger quarters in the near future.

University System of West Virginia, which includes Marshall University, and the Department of Education and the Arts. Private groups participating are the Coalition Against Domestic Violence, State Health Education Council, Wellness Council of West Virginia, the West Virginia Certification Board for Addiction and Prevention Professionals, and Partners in Health Network.

The rapid growth is keeping the staff and students extremely busy and that's very good, Coombs says.

"We've hit on a particular need," he notes. "We got very busy, very quickly. It's an idea whose time has come. There are a lot of resources in state government that we haven't accessed yet. And higher education is helping solve some problems in the state."

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the reasons why this person should be considered for an honorary degree, and phone number, address, or other information where the individual can be reached.

According to an announcement from the committee, nominees should include the following qualifications: persons who have made significant contributions to Marshall University, monetary or otherwise; persons who can be expected to make significant contributions to Marshall, usually monetary in nature; persons sufficiently outstanding that they clearly deserve such recognition; persons already outstanding for whom such recognition might mean little, but where conferring such a degree might be of benefit to the University; and persons who can be expected to attend the commencement ceremony in order to receive the degree.

Suggestions for a commencement speaker should include the name, title, and affiliation(s) of the individual; a brief biography; reasons for considering the individual as a speaker; and phone number, address or other means of contacting the individual

Profile: Rick Hays

A series on interesting Marshall University people.



Rick Hays

He's a one-man campus chronicler who has clambered over rooftops, explored the depths of basements, shot pictures out of an airplane window and been to virtually every nook and cranny of the campus.

A familiar figure

to both staff and students, Rick Hays has been plying his trade as the official Marshall photographer for the past 21 years. And his graceful photos have helped record the history of the University, its parade of presidents, the students and staff, the festive events as well as the more somber occasions.

Actually, he says most people assume he has a whole staff of photographers working for him. He doesn't. He goes it alone, cramming as many photo requests as he can into a very hectic schedule. and he usually does all the darkroom work himself, with occasional help from talented student assistants. In the course of a day he may photograph an awards ceremony, a visiting dignitary, a dinner or reception, a campus scene, take some student or staff headshots for various publications or cover an athletic event. He takes the photos that appear in University brochures, programs, and a wide variety of promotional materials. His eye-catching photo of the Drinko Library with Old Main reflected in its glass façade has already been used as a cover or focal point for several publications.

And Hays says he's grateful that he has help from time to time from competent student assistants who have an interest in photography and an aptitude for it, such as his current assistant, Brett Hall. In fact, he is proud that two of his former assistants have gone on to become chief photographers at large state newspapers: Melissa Moore for *The Huntington Herald-Dispatch*, and Chip Ellis for *The Charleston Daily Mail*.

But his enthusiasm for his job has not diminished over the years.

"I like my job. It gets busy sometimes, requests coming from all directions, everyone needing things done immediately. I try my best to do what I can for people, to get it to them in a timely manner as much as possible. Sometimes I can't get things done as

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Computer Training Seminars to be Offered

A series of computer training seminars will be offered in December by the Computer Learning Center, in room 136 of the Administration Building on the South Charleston campus. The seminars will meet from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and the cost for faculty and staff is \$25. Free parking is available at the site.

Classes to be offered include, Excel Intermediate, December 2; Access Intermediate, December 7; Web Design/Development, Advanced, December 8; Corel 8 WordPerfect Introduction, December 9; and Intermediate Word, December 10.

For more information, or to register, contact Martha Pierson, Program Coordinator at ext. 2062, or she can be e-mailed at mpierson@marshall.edu.

WVSECC Campaign Underway at Marshall University

The 1999-2000 State Employee Combined Campaign is now underway at Marshall University Graduate College and Marshall University. The WVSECC was developed from the need to consolidate all fund-raising for state employees, and to ensure that agencies requesting funds from state employees were fiscally responsible, providing needed services to West Virginians, and effectively delivering those services.

The campaign is the only one approved for state employees for which payroll deductions are authorized. Participation in the campaign is strictly voluntary.

For additional information, or to return pledge cards, contact Mark Rhodes in Huntington, or Pat Dickson in South Charleston.

Excused Absences

Absences have been excused by the university for these students and the dates noted.

November 3-6—Dennis Hicks.

November 5-6—Donnie L. Adkins, Jr., Paula Brafchak, John W. Brock, Robert Brown, Lindsay Browning, John F. Carter, Paul Chapman, Robert Clay, Shannon Couch, Daniel Davidson, Jill S. Duncan, James Elliott, Yigal Falk, Stephen S. Fox, Eliassaint Gadner, Ronald Hartley, Alfred J. Hern, Jr., Justin Holmes, Mark I. Hooper, Sonya Hurse, Adam Justice, Allen C. LaDriere, Angela Lattimore, Rodney Lipscomb, LeRoy Longknife, Jr., Jason Lutz, Jonathan D. Malone, Sandra Meddings, Ira W. Miller, John Neal, George P. O'Malley, Jason Reed, Elsie Robertson, Douglas Schneider, Brian N. Spotloe, Sean Surmacz, James Temple, Gregory W. Tharp, Elizabeth Weekly, Jeevena Wells, Matthew Wolverton, Christina M. Young, Robert Youngman, and Louis J. Zollo.

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